

**Letter from Gen. J. E. Harrison.**

COUNTRY HOME, May 9, 1874.

Mr. Stanton:  
I have read with pain and sorrow the discussion of the public printing and the trouble that has grown out of it. I had hoped our troubles were over and that we would have a straight forward, honest contest for all public work and official positions, and that the days of bribery and corruption had passed off with the late Administration; and that the present Administration would not be tampered with any accumulating fifth, but would be left free to go to work and untangle the miserably jumble left on its hands by four years accumulation.

I hope Governor Coke will not permit himself to come down from his work to notice this newspaper fight, however it may be the policy and desire of some to draw him into it.

His character is too well known to suffer. I have known him nearly twenty years, working his way up nobly by dint of hard labor, to the prominent position he now occupies. Know him as a poor young lawyer, honestly working his way up to the head of his profession. Know him as a farmer. Know him at times during the four years struggle when he bare his breast for the cause of Texas. Know him when he could (as others did) find places of ease, free comparatively from danger. He could not accept such a position. Know him when he declined rank (on horseback) and chose to march on foot with the noble man he enlisted, through mud and ice, through hot and cold, though his feet were oft-blistered from heat to toe. Know him when unflinchingly he breasted the storm of battle at the head of his company, though wounded and bleeding. He is an earnest and true man, he is no intriguer. He is an economist with a clear head, and discriminating, strong mind. He is simple, he is honest. He has the good will of the people at heart, and will not engage in dirty work for the News, EXAMINER nor any other paper, or man, or set of men. Richard Coke may err, it is human to err; but he is as little liable to do this as any man I know, and when he does, it will be an error of the head and not of the heart. I say again, I hope he will not condescend to notice or be drawn into this newspaper muss. Coke's whole life is a vindication against slander or malice. I hope the people of Texas of all classes will rally round him, and hold up his hands while he deals death blows to extravaganza, fraud and corruption.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again.  
The eternal laws of God are here;  
Truth, mankind, writhen in pain,  
And these enrage her worshippers."

In conclusion, it may not be improper to say, I have no motive in writing the above but the discharge of my duty. I am a farmer, have never held office in Texas, except military; I want none—for the last twelve months an invalid, confined to my room, and most of the time to my bed, and can now only walk about my room with great inconvenience. I mention this that my motives may not be suspected. Although afflicted, I love my State and country with all the ardor of better days.

Your old servant,  
J. E. HARRISON.

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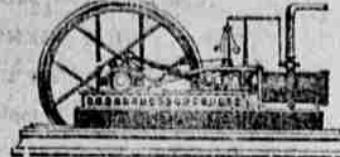
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